

### Remarks/Arguments

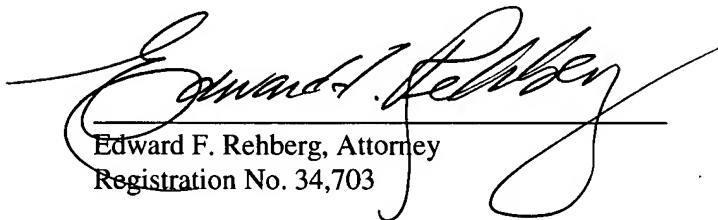
Claims 7 and 8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner has indicated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims. Applicants have represented claims 7 and 8 as newly presented claims 9 and 16. Claims 10-15 and 17-22 are dependent on the claims which the Examiner has indicated are allowable.

The Examiner has indicated that the relationship between the article of manufacture of now cancelled claim 1 and the additional elements: a phosphate source, a phosphate acceptor and/or and enzyme is unclear. In the event that the Examiner considers that the relationship is unclear in the newly presented claims Applicants offer the following explanation: The article of manufacture of the present invention provides a means of measuring the activity protein kinases and phosphatases. In order to accomplish this measurement a source of phosphate or and acceptor of phosphate and/or the enzyme (kinase or phosphatase) might optionally be supplied in the article of manufacture. Applicants have included in the newly presented claim and indication that the enzyme is to be selected from the group consisting of kinases and phosphatases to make the relationship clear.

### Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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